

## CLAIMS:

1. A method of indicating a signal characteristic in a communication system comprising a first communication apparatus (10) coupled in wireless communication with a second communication apparatus (80), characterized in that the method includes the steps of:
  - (a) receiving one or more wireless transmissions (60) at the second apparatus (80);
  - (b) analysing the one or more wireless transmissions (60) as received at the second apparatus (80) to determine at least one characteristic of the one or more wireless transmissions;
  - (c) generating at least one return signal including information describing the at least one characteristic and communicating said at least one return signal from the second apparatus (80) to the first apparatus (10), and
  - (d) receiving the at least one return signal at the first apparatus (10) and presenting said at least one characteristic to at least one user (90) of the first apparatus (10).
2. A method of indicating a signal characteristic on a first communication apparatus, characterized in that the method includes the steps of:
  - (a) receiving a signal including information describing at least one characteristic of one or more wireless transmissions between a second communication apparatus (80) and a base station of a wireless communication system; and
  - (b) presenting said at least one characteristic to at least one user (90) of the first apparatus (10).
3. A method according to Claim 2 wherein presentation of said at least one characteristic conveyed in the at least one return signal is implemented by modifying a background colour and/or light emission flux of displaying means (20) included in the first apparatus (20).
4. A method according to Claim 3, wherein the background colour is represented in a majority of pixels included in the displaying means (20).

5. A method according to Claim 2 wherein, in step (b), presentation of the at least one characteristic is supplemented by a corresponding audio indication.
- 5 6. A method according to Claim 2, wherein the information received in the signal is indicative of strength of magnetic radiation received at the second apparatus.
- 7 A method according to Claim 2, wherein the signal is received in a repetitive or substantially continuous manner.
- 10 8. A method according to Claim 2, wherein the signal conveys the at least one characteristic by way of at least one of: one or more pulses, one or more tone bursts, phase modulation, digital data streams.
- 15 9. Apparatus (10) operable according to a method of Claim 2.
10. Software executable on one or more computing devices for implementing the method of Claim 2.
- 20 11. A method of enabling indication of a signal characteristic on a first communication apparatus, characterized in that the method includes the steps of:
- (a) analysing one or more wireless transmissions (60) between a second communication apparatus (80) and a base station of a wireless communication system to determine at least one characteristic of the one or more wireless transmissions; and
- 25 (b) generating at least one signal including information describing the at least one characteristic and communicating said at least signal to the first apparatus (10).
12. A method according to Claim 11, wherein the information conveyed in the at least one signal is indicative of strength of magnetic radiation received at the second
- 30 apparatus.
- 13 A method according to Claim 11, wherein the at least one signal is communicated to the first apparatus (10) in a repetitive or substantially continuous manner.

14. A method according to Claim 11, wherein the at least one signal conveys the at least one characteristic by way of at least one of: one or more pulses, one or more tone bursts, phase modulation, digital data streams.
- 5 15. Apparatus (80) operable according to a method of Claim 11.
16. Software executable on one or more computing devices for implementing the method of Claim 11.